

be technically optimized for Stryker while maintaining commonality with the long range design. The additional FY09 funding will allow insertion of reduced cost electronics and modifications to the radar for Stryker integration, as well as software and hardware development for system command and control, including the man-machine interface.

Anticipated Sources of Funding: APS development is funded under the FCS MGV budget line, but there is no dedicated funding to support APS development for Stryker in FY08 or FY09. The Army originally requested funding in FY08 for Stryker APS but has since reallocated the funding to support power management and the other upgrades Stryker needs to accommodate FCS Spin Outs. The Army is committed to funding APS for Stryker starting in the FY10 budget. Details of the FY10 funding will not be known until the Army finalizes its FY10–15 Future Years Defense Plan (FYDP).

Matching Funds: N/A.

Justification for Use of Taxpayer Dollars: This project aims to accelerate delivery of a validated military need intended to enhance protection of Army soldiers and vehicles. As a priority military initiative, this program will be funded through federal expenditures.

Project Name: Prepreg Thickness Variability Reduction Program.

Requested by Congressman RALPH HALL (TX-4).

Total Requested funding FY09: \$3.6 million.

Justification of the use of federal funds: This program will reduce the variability of Carbon fiber prepreg, the raw material that provides the basis for strong, durable, light-weight composite aircraft structures. It is predominantly used by the Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and the airline industry to fabricate aircraft structures such as wing skins. A major impediment to assembling composite aircraft structural components is the dimensional mismatch of composite parts which may produce rough edges, overlays, or gaps between parts. Much of this mismatch is due to variations that occur in component manufacturing. Funding has been applied to efforts to reduce variation in component manufacturing by the Air Force and the prime contractors. Unfortunately, funds have not been directed towards efforts to reduce variation by refining the raw material—carbon fiber prepreg. Lower prepreg variation will avoid the purchase of costly precision machining equipment by program partners, estimated at \$80 million, to mitigate surface and component part deviations. Federal funding is justified in this effort to reducing the variability of prepreg to help the Joint Strike Fighter program and others meet the goal of reducing the overall variability of composite parts. This is vital to reduce the weight of aircraft, as well as to promote optimal stealth capabilities.

Detailed Budget for Variation Reduction Development Program:

Materials: Resin and prepreg production, production trials, feedstock variations, customer shop trials, and packaging supplies—\$200K.

Deliverables: (1) Develop and demonstrate the necessary equipment and processes for production and (2) Document aerospace production control documents (PCD) for JSF Program technical approval and signature.

Labor: Scientist, technicians, mechanics, testing personnel, and production operators—\$300K.

Deliverables: (1) Direct the work to be done, optimize process, execute plan scale up work and (2) Ensure best practice sharing of manufacturing engineering development.

Testing: Fiber testing, production of composites, and testing of the composite coupons—\$1400K.

Deliverables: (1) Generate meaningful composite material data, demonstrating alignment to heritage mechanical test data bases and (2) Review data and correlate to end-use application.

Overhead, Contract Management, Miscellaneous—\$100K.

Total Budget: \$2000K.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to submit documentation consistent with the new Republican Earmark Standards.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658—The Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2009.

Account: Military Construction, Navy.

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Naval Station Mayport.

Address of Receiving Entity: Mayport, Florida.

Description of Request: I have secured \$3,530,000 in authorization funding in H.R. 5658 in the Military Construction, Navy account for an Aircraft Refueling project at Naval Station Mayport, Florida.

This project will construct a two (2) outlet, 300gpm/outlet aircraft direct fueling system to include concrete foundations and slab on grade, 15,000 gallon double wall steel tanks (to be relocated from the existing truck fill stand), concrete containment berms, double walled underground piping, valves, pumps, pressure gauges, filter separators, leak detection monitors for piping and tanks, float switches, double wall steel product recovery tank, emergency shut off valves, fuel quality monitors, pipe vents, fire protection, pressure indicating transmitter and water drain off system. It would also construct underground double walled fuel transfer line from bulk storage to the direct fueling facility. The project will properly close, by abandoning in place, the existing underground fuel transfer line from the bulk storage to the existing truck fill stand. Closure will include pigging/purging the lines, grout injection of ends, core boring and soil sampling along the fuel transfer line, and submission of a Florida Department of Environmental Protection Closure Assessment Report.

In addition, this project will construct a 150 m2, single story building on a concrete slab on grade and concrete footings. The building and fuel lab will include vinyl floor tile, steel stud/gypsum wallboard walls, hollow core interior steel doors, solid core exterior steel doors, double glazed single hung windows, modified bitumen roofing, interior plumbing, electrical power and lighting wiring, data/communication wiring, fluorescent lighting fixtures, ceramic bathroom tile, HVAC system/distribution/controls and site utilities (electric, water, sanitary,

fiber optic communication/data). The project demolishes building 18 (32 m2) and the truck fill stand facility 142 (400 GM).

Naval Station Mayport is a strategic base for the Navy. This project was programmed to receive funding in Fiscal Year 2012, but was identified by the base commander as the highest unfunded priority in Fiscal Year 2009.

Military Construction projects are always 100 percent funded by the U.S. Federal government so there is no opportunity for matching funds.

HONORING MR. JOHN G. CARLSON
AND DR. NGAI XUAN NGUYEN

HON. DANA ROHRABACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Madam Speaker, recently I was visited in my office by two great Americans who have for many years been leading our nation's moral effort against the government of Communist Vietnam: Mr. John G. Carlson and Dr. Ngai Xuan Nguyen. Whenever they come to town the bureaucrats in the State Department know that they will be asked some hard hitting questions and subjected to piercing scrutiny regarding the Administration's Vietnam appeasement policy. Messrs. Carlson's and Nguyen have sacrificed so much of their own personal time and resources in their endeavour "to bring improved democracy, human rights and religious freedom to the people of Vietnam" they deserve the admiration of all of us.

I am submitting for the RECORD a list that these two gentleman gave to me of ten political prisoners being detained in Vietnam and a statement by Mr. Nguyen to Secretary David Kramer, Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor. I hope that the Vietnamese Communist Party quickly responds by doing the right thing and release the prisoners. I also strongly urge Secretary Kramer to follow the advice of Mr. Nguyen so clearly outlined in his statement.

ADDITIONAL POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS PRISONERS BEING DETAINED—MAY 13, 2008

1. Bui Kim Thanh, lawyer of the Democratic Party of VN [DPV], rearrested and placed in a mental institution in Bien Hoa.
2. Ho Thi Bich Khuong, block 8406, sentenced 2 years in jail.
3. Nguyen Hoang Hai Blogger Dieu Cay, Club of VN freelance journalists, arrested in Dalat since 4/19/08.
4. Truong Minh Duc, journalist, VN Populist Party, awaiting trial, arrested in Kien Giang.
5. Nguyen Quoc Quan, Viet Tan Party, awaiting trial scheduled 5/13/08.
6. Nguyen The Vu, Viet Tan Party, awaiting trial scheduled 5/13/08.
7. Somsak Khummi, Viet Tan Party, awaiting trial scheduled 5/13/08.
8. Pham Ba Hai, Bach Dang Giang Group, sentenced to 5 years in jail.
9. Nguyen Ngoc Quang, Bach Dang Giang Group, sentenced to 3 years in jail.
10. Vu Hoang Hai, Bach Dang Giang Group, sentenced 2 years in jail.